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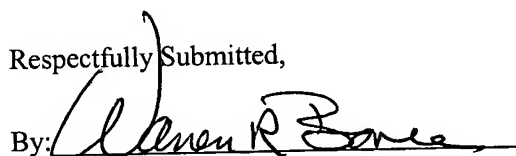
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of all listed documents were produced in the parent application (Application Serial No. 09/588,414, filed June 6, 2000), and are therefore not included.

However, Applicants realized that U.S. Patent No. 5,353,138, was incorrectly cited in the parent case by typographical error. A copy of the correct reference (U.S. Patent 5,454,138) was submitted in the prior case, however, for the Examiner's convenience, a copy is included herewith. The attached Form 1449 has been corrected to remedy the typographical error.

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